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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT TO PHNOM PENH INFO SAIGON BANGKOK
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SUBJ: PROPOSED MANDATORY EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS AND
REDUCTION OF STAFF IN PHNOM PENH

REF: PHNOM PENH 3777

1. WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT MANDATORY EVACUATION OF
DEPENDENTS MIGHT GIVE RISE TO PANIC REACTION AMONG KHMER
OFFICIALS AT THIS DELICATE POLITICAL JUNCTURE. AT THE
SAME TIME WE RECOGNIZE THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH YOU HAVE
RAISED IN YOUR MESSAGE AND WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO COUNTERMAND
YOUR JUDGMENT FROM THIS DISTANCE, IF ON RECONSIDERATION YOU
CONSIDER IT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

2. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE PROCEED WITH EVACUATION PLANS,
LIMITED AT THIS TIME TO DEPENDENTS AND WORKING WIVES IN
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ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 4 OF REFTTEL. THEIR DEPARTURES SHOULD BE INCONSPICUOUS AND LIMITED TO PHASE ONE USE OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT AND THE DEFENSE ATTACHE AIRCRAFT. DEPENDENTS AND OFFICIAL PERSONNEL SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO EMPHASIZE THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF DEPARTURE AND THE REASONS FOR IT SHOULD BE ASCRIBED EXCLUSIVELY TO DISCOMFORT AND REDUCTION OF THE STRAIN UPON LIMITED FACILITIES.

3. YOU SHOULD DISCREETLY INFORM APPROPRIATE KHMER AUTHORITIES OF ACTIONS YOU ARE TAKING, WITH EMPHASIS UPON YOUR DESIRE TO TRIM AMERICAN PRESENCE INTO A LEAN, EFFICIENT OPERATION WHICH CAN BE OF MAXIMUM UTILITY IN THE CURRENT CRITICAL SITUATION. PORTER
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